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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gordon T. Brown : AUTOMATED ACCOUNTING
Serial No.: 09/975,458 : SYSTEM
Filed: October 11, 2001 : Attorney Docket No. 47781-6
Group Art Unit: 3629 :
Examiner: Debra F. Charles :

RESPONSE

February 18, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2002. Accompanying this Response is a three-month petition for extension of time, extending the period for response through Tuesday, February 18, 2003. Also accompanying this Response is a copy of an Information Disclosure Statement that was previously submitted to the Patent Office in this application.

REMARKS

Claims 28-70 are pending in the application. The Office Action states that: "the statement of the status of the claims contained in the brief received 19 July 2002 is correct." However, Applicant is unaware of any "brief" that would have been received by the Patent Office July 19, 2002. Clarification is respectfully requested.

As a preliminary matter, it is noted that Applicant hand-delivered an Information Disclosure Statement dated December 18, 2001 to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B listing each of the documents cited in the statement. However, the Office Action does not include copies of the PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B forms from the December 18, 2001 Information Disclosure